

Modern foreign languages



Teignmouth Community School
Be the best version of yourself



Work Hard



Be Kind



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Why Study languages

GREY MATTER

Bilingual brains have denser grey matter compared with monolingual brains. Gray matter's density is related to increased intellect.

HIGHER PERFORMANCE

Bilingual students generally outperform and score higher on college entrance exams than monolingual students.

ABILITY TO MULTITASK

Bilinguals have improved ability to multitask and switch between tasks, can hold attention longer and have better working memory



MENTAL FLEXIBILITY

Bilinguals have greater mental flexibility and higher metalinguistic awareness

BRAIN POWER

Bilingualism is a mental workout that fine-tunes thinking

CREATIVITY

Bilingualism enhances creativity in thinking 'outside the box' and problem solving skills

HEALTHIER BRAIN

Delay of brain diseases like dementia and Alzheimers.



Course information



A new French & Spanish GCSE Specification has been developed and is taught from September 2024. The changes aim to make getting grades in Spanish and French a little easier and make the subject more relevant to young people.

1200 words for FT

1700 words for HT
(FT+500)

No expectation of
prior learning

85% from top 2000
most frequent
words

20 cultural or
geographical items

30 multi-words
phrases



Our qualification at a glance

01

Speaking,
50 marks, 25%

15 minutes prep
time

FT: 7-9 minutes

- Read aloud
- Role play
- Picture task and conversation

02

Listening
50 marks, 25%

FT: 45 minutes
HT: 60 minutes

5 minutes reading
time included

- Listening
- Dictation
- 2 listens

03

Reading
50 marks, 25%

FT: 45 minutes
HT: 60 minutes

- Reading
- Translation into English

04

Writing
50 marks, 25%

FT: 1 hour 15 mins
HT: 1 hour 20 mins

- Picture tasks (FT)
- Two writing responses (FT and HT)
- Translation into French or Spanish



What key topics will I study

INCLUSIVE
RELATABLE
DIVERSE

Family

Friends

Relationships

Equality

Physical and
mental well-
being

Food and drink

Sports

Places in town

Shopping

The natural
world

Environmental
issues

Music

TV

Film

Social media
and gaming

School

Future
opportunities

Transport

Accommodatio
n

Tourist
attractions



What Key skills will I develop?

- Communication skills
- Problem solving
- Analytical skills
- Developing relationships
- Translation
- Cultural understanding
- Memorising information
- Team work



- Modern linguists earn more than graduates from any other discipline except medics, architects and pharmacologists.
- People who can speak another language earn on average 20% than people who don't!
- Language graduates in the UK have one of the highest employment rates



How will this help me in my future career?

A GCSE in French/Spanish could help lead to an exciting array of career opportunities in the future. For example:

- MI5 Spy
- Pilot/cabin crew
- Detective
- Travel Agent
- Academic Researcher
- Broadcast journalist
- Political Analyst
- EFL teacher
- Education consultant
- International Lawyer
- Logistics and distribution manager
- Marketing Executive
- International Sales Executive
- Travel rep
- Headhunter
- Tour Manager
- International Events Organiser
- International Business Manager
- Customer Account Manager
- International Aid





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& Development Office



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What Key skills will I develop



- French is a major language of international communication
- French is the official language in 29 countries
- France is a top tourist destination and attracts over 79 million visitors a year
- Brilliant for skiing, beach holidays and city breaks
- France is a symbol of culture, good taste, style and 'savoir vivre' (living well)
- Spanish is easy and fun to pronounce
- Popular holiday destination including Spain and Latin America are Spanish speaking.
- They are around 580 million Spanish speakers in the world
- The USA is home to 41 million Spanish speakers (13% of the population).
- Learning Spanish will open up a whole new world of music, art and culture.



But... don't worry, we've got GOOGLE translate!

